

Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A ~~dielectric film forming~~ liquid composition comprising:

diamond fine particles purified and oxidized by heating with a purifying agent, the diamond fine particles comprising carboxyl group and/or sulfo group on a surface thereof, a dispersant, and

an amine substance having a boiling point of 50°C or higher and 300°C or lower, the amine substance being reacted with the carboxyl group and/or sulfo group to form a salt.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Previously Presented) The liquid composition of claim 1, wherein said dispersant comprises water, a water soluble dispersant or a mixture of water and a water soluble dispersant.

4-6. (Canceled)

7. (Withdrawn-Currently Amended) A method of producing a ~~dielectric film forming~~ liquid composition of diamond fine particles, said method comprising the steps of:

heating coarse diamond fine particles in a solution comprising a purifying agent to purify and oxidize the fine particles, the diamond fine particles comprising carboxyl group and/or sulfo group on a surface thereof;

washing said fine particles with water; and

dispersing said fine particles under the presence of an amine substance having a boiling point of 50°C or higher and 300°C or lower, the amine substance being reacted with the carboxyl group and/or sulfo group to form a salt.

8. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 7, wherein said purifying agent comprises sulfuric acid.

9-13. (Canceled)

14. (Previously Presented) The liquid composition of claim 1, wherein said purifying agent comprises a member selected from the group consisting of concentrated nitric acid, a nitride, perchloric acid, a perchloride, hydrogen peroxide, and concentrated sulfuric acid.

15. (Previously Presented) The liquid composition of claim 1, wherein said amine substance is selected from the group consisting of monoalkyl amine, dialkyl amine, trialkyl amine, N-monoalkylamino ethanol, N, N-dialkylamino ethanol, aniline, N-monoalkyl aniline, N, N-dialkyl aniline, morpholine, N-alkyl morpholine, mono(alkyl substituted phenyl)amine, benzyl amine, N-monoalkylbenzyl amine, N, N-dialkylbenzyl amine, pyridine, alkyl-substituted pyridine, monoethanol amine, and diethanol amine.

16. (Previously Presented) The liquid composition of claim 1, wherein said diamond fine particles has a purity of 95% or higher.

17. (Previously Presented) The liquid composition of claim 1, wherein raw diamond particles having a primary particle diameter of 1 nm to 50 nm are purified to obtain said diamond fine particles.

18. (Previously Presented) The liquid composition of claim 15, wherein said amine substance is selected from the group consisting of monoalkyl amine, dialkyl amine, trialkyl amine, N-monoalkylamino ethanol, N, N-dialkylamino ethanol, aniline, N-monoalkyl aniline, N, N-dialkyl aniline, N-alkyl morpholine, mono(alkyl substituted phenyl)amine, benzyl amine, N-monoalkylbenzyl amine, N, N-dialkylbenzyl amine, alkyl-substituted pyridine, monoethanol amine, and diethanol amine.

19. (Previously Presented) The liquid composition of claim 18, wherein said amine substance is selected from the group consisting of aniline, N-monoalkyl aniline, N, N-dialkyl aniline, mono(alkyl substituted phenyl)amine, benzyl amine, N-monoalkylbenzyl amine, N, N-dialkylbenzyl amine, monoethanol amine, and diethanol amine.

20. (New) The liquid composition of claim 1, wherein the diamond fine particles comprise at least the sulfo group on the surface, and wherein the amine substance is reacted with the sulfo group to form the salt.

21. (New) The liquid composition of claim 1, wherein the liquid composition is dielectric film forming composition.

22. (New) The liquid composition of claim 1, wherein the liquid composition is an abrasive composition.